

What is claimed is:

1. A base station controlling apparatus used for a radio communication system including a plurality of base stations and a plurality of mobile stations, employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the base station controlling apparatus comprising a code switch informing unit for informing one of the plurality of mobile stations through one of the plurality of base stations, that a first code, having been used by the one of the plurality of mobile stations, is to be switched to a second code, and requesting the one of the plurality of base stations to transmit timing information regarding timing of switching the first code to the second code to the one of the plurality of mobile stations so that the one of the mobile stations and the one of the plurality of base stations switch transmission code from the first code to the second code.

2. A radio communication method of a base station controlling apparatus used for a radio communication system including a plurality of base stations and a plurality of mobile stations, employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication method comprising:

informing one of the plurality of mobile stations through one of the plurality of base stations, that a first code, having been used by the one of the plurality of mobile stations, is to be switched to a second code, and

requesting the one of the plurality of base stations to transmit timing information regarding timing of switching the first code to the second code to the one of the plurality of mobile stations so that the one of the mobile stations and the one of

the plurality of base stations switch transmission code from the first code to the second code.